

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A stand, comprising:
first and second support pieces, each having a leg portion and an upright portion;
first and second readily attachable and detachable connection portions formed in said first and second upright portions, respectively, said connection portions providing ready attachment and detachment of said support pieces, so as to allow said first and second support pieces to be moved from a supporting stand configuration to a low volume easily transportable configuration;
an abutment piece having a peripheral portion and an engagement portion;
said upright portions dimensioned and configured to engage said engagement portion of said abutment piece when said connection portions are attached; and
cooperating first and second surface portions formed in said first and second support pieces, respectively, dimensioned and configured to engage said peripheral portion of said abutment piece when said support piece connection portions are detached.
2. A stand as recited in claim 1 wherein said first and second surface portions have a friction fit with said abutment piece peripheral portion so that said abutment piece and support pieces are held together when said connection portions are detached and said abutment piece peripheral portion engages both said first and second surface portions.
3. A stand as recited in claim 2 consisting essentially of said first and second support pieces and said abutment piece.
4. A stand as recited in claim 1 further comprising a latching element cooperable with said abutment piece to define a substantially horizontally closed vertically extending passage.
5. A stand as recited in claim 4 consisting essentially of said first and second support pieces, said abutment piece, and said latching element.
6. A stand as recited in claim 4 wherein said abutment piece peripheral portion comprises first and second legs with a substantially U-shaped recess therebetween; and wherein said latching element comprises an elastic element which has surface manifestations cooperable with said first and second legs.
7. A stand as recited in claim 1 wherein said support pieces and said abutment piece are substantially planar, and of molded polycarbonate.
8. A stand as recited in claim 1 in combination with a string musical instrument having a neck and

body with strings extending between said neck and body, said neck supported by said abutment piece, and said body supported by said leg portions, when said connection portions are attached to each other.

9. A stand as recited in claim 1 wherein said first and second support pieces are substantially planar, and said connection portions comprise a slide connection.

10. A stand as recited in claim 3 further comprising hook and loop fasteners for fastening components together.

11. A stand as recited in claim 1 wherein said upright portions define a substantially X-shaped male portion when attached together by said connection portions, and wherein said abutment piece engagement portion comprises a substantially X-shaped female portion which cooperates with said substantially X-shaped male portion so that said abutment piece is securely supported on top of said upright portions; and wherein said X is not completely symmetrical, so as to provide a keying function.

12. A stand as recited in claim 3 in combination with a string musical instrument having a neck and body with strings extending between said neck and body, said neck supported by said abutment piece peripheral portion, and said body supported by said leg portions, when said connection portions are attached to each other, and said latching element substantially prevents detachment of said neck from said abutment piece.

13. A stand as recited in claim 8 further comprising an overcoat of elastomeric material which provides cushioning disposed on parts of said leg portions which support said instrument body.

14. A stand as recited in claim 1 wherein said first and second support piece leg portions each comprise two curved upper surfaces dimensioned and configured to support two devices at the same time, and wherein said abutment piece peripheral portion defines two recesses, each dimensioned and configured to support a device.

15. A stand, comprising:
substantially planar first and second support pieces, each having a leg portion and an upright portion;
first and second readily attachable and detachable connection portions formed in said first and second upright portions, respectively, said connection portions providing ready attachment and detachment of said support pieces;
an abutment piece having a peripheral portion and an engagement portion;
at least one of said upright portions dimensioned and configured to engage said engagement portion of said abutment piece when said connection portions are attached; and
a latching element cooperable with said abutment piece to define a substantially horizontally closed vertically extending passage.

16. A stand as recited in claim 15 consisting essentially of said first and second support pieces, said abutment piece, and at least one said latching element.

17. A stand as recited in claim 15 wherein said abutment piece peripheral portion comprises first and second legs with a substantially U-shaped recess therebetween; and wherein said latching element comprises an elastic element which has surface manifestations cooperable with said first and second legs

18. A stand as recited in claim 17 in combination with at least one string musical instrument having a neck and body with strings extending between said neck and body, said neck supported by said abutment piece peripheral portion substantially U-shaped recess while said elastic element substantially precludes detachment of said neck from said recess, and said body supported by said leg portions, when said connection portions are attached to each other.

19. A stand comprising:

first and second substantially planar support pieces of molded polycarbonate;

a slide connection between said first and second support pieces which allows ready attachment and detachment between said first and second support pieces so as to allow said first and second support pieces to be moved from a supporting stand configuration to a low volume easily transportable configuration;

at least three feet of said first and second support pieces which engage a support surface when said first and second support pieces are attached together by said slide connection;

an abutment piece comprising first and second legs with a substantially U-shaped recess therebetewen; and

cooperating manifestations on said abutment piece and at least one of said support pieces for mounting said abutment piece above said feet when said support pieces are attached together by said slide connection.

20. A stand as recited in claim 19 in combination with at least one string musical instrument having a neck and body with strings extending between said neck and body, said neck supported by said abutment piece substantially U-shaped recess when said connection portions are attached to each other.

21. A stand as recited in claim 20 further comprising a latching element extendable between said first and second legs to releasably hold said neck of said instrument in said recess.